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FROM: J. Tyler McCauley
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SUBJECT: **FOSTER CARE AUDITS**

Recommendation 11 contained in the Foster Care Task Force report indicated that the Department of Children and Family Services should conduct regular, systematic audits of foster family certified homes and State licensed foster family homes.

Supervisor Antonovich asked whether this function could be performed by the Auditor-Controller. Currently, the Auditor-Controller utilizes approximately eight full time social workers to provide similar audits of approximately 350 group homes. Expanding this program to certified and foster family homes would add over 6,000 new locations to the workload. While it is conceivable that the Auditor-Controller could be responsible for these audits, a very substantial amount of additional personnel and other resources would be required.

If you would like to pursue this matter further, a review can be performed to determine actual required resources and their associated costs.

If you have any questions, please call me or have your staff call Pat McMahon at (213) 974-0729.

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c: David E. Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer
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